

*STAFFORD COUNTY
HISTORICAL COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
THURSDAY - SEPTEMBER 1, 2011*

The Stafford County Historical Commission held its regular monthly meeting, Thursday, September 1, 2011, in Conference Room ABC, Government Center; 1300 Courthouse Road. The meeting was called to order at 3:10 PM by Anita Dodd.

ROLL CALL

MEMBERS

PRESENT ABSENT

STAFF

Anita Dodd - Chair	P		Kathy Baker - Assistant Director - Planning & Zoning
Ann Best-Rolls - Vice Chair		A	Terry Baxley Morton - Commission Clerk
Barbara Kirby - Secretary	P		Chris Hoppe - Director - Parks, Recreation & Community Facilities
Richard Chichester	P		Keith Dayton - Acting Deputy County Administrator
Jane Conner	P		Mike Smith - Acting Director - Public Works
David Rodriguez MD	P		
Frank White	P		

- Civil War Park - Update - Glenn Trimmer - FSCWS (Friends of Stafford Civil War Sites).
- A detailed description and update power point presentation was presented about the park.
- Glenn Trimmer strongly suggested the Commission schedule a tour of the park with him.
- A detailed description was given of the work the Army National Guard performed at the park.
- The Army National Guard installing the access road slept at the site in tents.
- There are several "POSTED" signs throughout the park.
- Glenn Trimmer iterated the importance of charging offenders that vandalize park property.
- The remainder of the road will be completed by the Army National Guard next year in phase 2.
- All dirt taken from the wall was placed in the mote.
- The phase 2 archeological study caused damage. The FSCWS would like permission to return the dirt.
- Currently the park is approximately 1½ years ahead of schedule committed to the County.
- The FSCWS have not received much support from the various historical groups in the area.
- Eventually the County will have full ownership of the park.
- The Commission would like the park's management plan to refer to the NPS (National Park Service's) sustainable practices for its resources.
- Keith Dayton suggested the Commission submit its suggestions in writing so they can be addressed in finalizing the park's management plan.
- Glenn Trimmer said he carefully reviewed the park management plans for Aquia Landing and Government Island as well as conversing with three different staff with the NPS.
- Chris Hoppe said the park management plan needs to be complete by the end of the year so the Steering Committee can carefully review it.
- Anita Dodd welcomed Richard Chichester as an official member of the Commission.

- Belmont-Ferry Farm Trail - Phase 3 - Construction Update - Keith Dayton (Director of Public Works).

- Phase 3 is from River Road to Butler Road.
- A follow up phase 2 archeological study was performed. The study was reviewed by DHR (Department of Historic Resources) for eligibility for listing with the National Historic Registry, in the area of the shelter on the knoll. The area is under review.
- Phase 3 of the trail is a grant project funded through FHWA (Federal Highway Administration). Contractors are working on both ends of the project and avoiding the shelter area in the middle.

- The Commission feels as though it is continually not updated on pertinent projects. It inquired about where the disconnection may possibly be. The Commission reminded staff that everyone had attended a Commission prior meeting to discuss the issue. Keith Dayton said he will continue to try to resolve the problem.
- Historic Preservation Award Process. The process was revised last year. Anita Dodd asked for feedback regarding the revisions.
- Jane Conner and Barbara Kirby agreed to facilitate the sub-committee for the awards this year.
- The Commission was pleased to see students receive an award last year.

REPORT BY COMMISSION CHAIR

- Anita Dodd reviewed the Sherwood Forest letter from the Commission for final approval.
- The Commission unanimously approved, not submitting the letter, until receiving comments and/or approval from Ann Best-Rolls.
- A parcel of property in Widewater Heights near Boswell's Corner is to be developed. The property is referred to as Cavalry Hill on the Scheel's map. Anita Dodd said the ground is highly disturbed on the property. She said several people have visited the property and have not located any cultural resources left there. She said she does not have any recommendations for the property.
- The Commission unanimously approved Anita Dodd submitting a letter from the Commission suggesting no recommendations for the property.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 4:45 PM.

Anita Dodd - Commission Chair

Barbara Kirby - Commission Secretary